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PRIVATE OR PUBLIC?

The Senate's anti-snooper snoopers, Edward V. Long (D., Mo.) has collected abundant evidence proving

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that the CIA is hiring private detective agencies to spy on U.S. citizens at home and abroad. One outfit of private dicks was hired by the CIA through a law firm in Indianapolis headed by a former FBI agent; this Indianapolis gumshoe outfit first dug up the Bobby Baker scandal before Ralph Hill sued Bobby Baker for \$300,000 damage. This was why Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy knew Hill was telling the truth. RFK had these private dicks checking up on Baker's dealing in an effort to link LBJ with payoffs.

Long's wire-tapping subcommittee staff also found out that the CIA had a well known Washington lawyer-lobbyist hire a Washington divorce-evidence private dick, according to half a dozen people who know him personally; he was formerly a D. C. police officer. Another former FBI agent who claims he is in "public relations" but actually operates a wire-tapping and bugging business (and also has a reputation as an extortionist) has been retained by the CIA; some of his reports go to the White House desk of LBJ.

Senator Wm. Fulbright (D., Ark.) is also quietly conducting an investigation of the CIA. He is having his investigators run down every tip, leak, lead and rumor relative to the CIA. Witnesses interviewed by Fulbright staffers are admonished not to tell anyone they were interviewed.

Both Long and Fulbright are very astute investigators when they really apply their talents to the task. But it is doubtful if either gentleman of the Senate will ever make a full public disclosure of their findings because they could be accused of breach of national security in time of war—in both a cold war and a very hot war.

In 1964, when Senator Long was about to fold up his wire-tapping investigation, LBJ called him to the White House and encouraged him to continue his probing; he was then suffering from fears the Federal investigative agencies were spying on him. Now he is trying to stop Long, by having agencies claim Executive Privilege.